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Military action continues fairly brisk in the northern coastal provinces of Quang Nam and Quang Ngai and north and west of Saigon in Tay Ninh Province. The Communists appear to have made some additional gains in the north, but Saigon's troops are on the attack in Tay Ninh.

Communist units reportedly overran a small outpost south of the district capital of Nghia Hanh in Quang Ngai Province, and the town is now being shelled. Heavy shellings also are continuing in Quang Nam Province; government forces near the district capital of Duc Duc have reported receiving as many as 1,000 rounds.

Farther south in Tay Ninh Province, South Vietnamese troops have recaptured a village southeast of Tay Ninh city lost to the Communists last week. Government commanders are hopeful they can push the Communists back further toward the Cambodian border but anticipate increased resistance from well-entrenched troops.